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166th Air Fighter Division

1. [redacted] the 22nd Airfield Battalion at Mlada Airfield near Lysa nad Labem (N 50-12, E 14-50). [redacted] the 2nd Air Fighter Division consisted of the 6th, 7th, and 2nd Fighter Regiments which were all based at Mlada Airfield. In November 1953, the 2nd Air Fighter Division was redesignated as the 166th Air Fighter Division. Major Zdenek Kamenicky was the base commander and also the commanding officer of the Division. He assumed these commands in the beginning of 1953. He became the base commander mainly because he undertook the task of building up the airfield: constructing a connecting road between Milovice (N 50-14, E 14-54) and the airfield, building interconnecting roads on the airfield proper, building new billets for enlisted men, NCOs, pilots, billets for married military personnel with dependents, new messhalls for officers and enlisted men, and a medical dispensary for the entire Mlada Military Area. Kamenicky also supervised the construction of a third hangar and four POL storage dumps. All of this construction was performed very efficiently and without any defects. In summer of 1954, Major Kamenicky was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Also in summer of 1954, Kamenicky was asked by Air Force Headquarters in Prague to arrange an acrobatic show with MIG-15 aircraft for Air Force Day which was to take place in Prague in October, 1954. He performed his assignment with such outstanding results that the Czechoslovak Air Force Commander, General Josef Vosahlo, sent him a congratulatory telegram. Soon after that Air Force Day, Kamenicky was promoted to colonel.

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Staff of the 166th Air Fighter Division

2. The staff of the 166th Fighter Division was as follows:

- a. Soviet Personnel (Sovetsky pridelence). The 166th Air Fighter Division had three Soviet officers: One colonel and two lieutenant colonels [redacted]. These officers were always dressed in uniforms, spoke only Russian, moved freely on the base, sometimes were accompanied by the base commander or the deputy commander for political affairs. These Soviet officers never talked to airmen. Not even the base commander

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could give them orders. Their permanent quarters were in Prague. Whenever they visited Mlada airfield, which was about once a week, they stayed in Milovice in a luxurious house called "Na Balonce". Each officer had a passenger car at his disposal.

- b. Commanding Officer of the Division was Colonel Zdenek Kamenicky who received orders directly from Air Force Headquarters in Prague.
- c. Deputy Commander for Political Affairs (ZVP - Zastupce velitele pro veci politicke) was Major Bures (fnu). He supervised political training of the Division, insisting on strict adherence to it. He made decisions, together with the Commanding Officer, on all matters concerning the Division.
- d. Chief of Staff (NS-Nacelnik stabu) was Lt Colonel Stepanek (fnu).
- e. Secret Control (NTS-nacelnik tajne spisovny). The Chief of Secret Control was Lieutenant Roll (fnu) who was also in charge of secret and top secret registry of the division.
- f. Chief Engineer (Hlavni inzinir) - name not known
- g. Chief Navigator (Hlavni navigator)-name unknown
- h. Chief Meteorologist(Hlavni meteorolog) - name unknown
- i. Counterintelligence (OBZ - Obranne zpravodajstvi). Each regiment and airfield battalion had one counterintelligence officer who worked independently and was responsible only to the counterintelligence chief. These officers had to listen in on daily conversation among the troops.
- j. Mobilization Officer (MD-Mobilizacni dustojnik), name not recalled was subordinate only to the Commanding Officer, the Deputy Commander for supply and the Chief of Staff. No other officer was allowed to check his activity. He received orders from the Ministry of Defense and from Air Force Headquarters in Prague.
- k. Deputy Commander for Technical Affairs (ZVT - Zastupce velitele pro veci technicke).
- l. Chief of Technical Supply (MLTZ-Nacelnik leteckeho-technickeho zasobovani) was responsible for issuing aircraft spare parts for the entire Division.
- m. Quartermaster (NIZ - Nacelnik intendancniho zasobovani).
- n. Chief of Food Rations (NPZ - Nacelnik proviantniho zasobovani).
- o. Ordnance Chief (ZN - Zbrojni nacelnik).
- p. Chief of Communications (SN - Spojovaci nacelnik) was Major Samas (fnu).
- q. PCL Supply (NPHM - Nacelnik pohonných hmot).
- r. Building Maintenance (NSBD - Nacelnik spravy budov divise).
- s. Chief of Chemical Supply (CHN - Chemicky nacelnik).
- t. Chief of Engineers (ZN - Zenijni nacelnik).
- u. Chief Medical Officer (HL-Hlavni lekar).
- v. Photography (Fotoceta). This section was responsible for taking pictures during bombardments, aircraft accidents, etc.
- w. Radio station(Radiostanice).

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- x. Telephone Centrale (Telefonni ustredna).
- y. Teletype (Dalnopsis). Major Samas (fnu) was in charge.
- z. Finance (NFH - Nacelnik financniho hospodarstvi).



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